

Children praying the Rosary



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The joyful, luminous,
sorrowful und glorious
mysteries of the Rosary

This booklet is a present for

*Pope John Paul II,
Pope Benedict XVI
and Pope Francis,*

who tell us
many beautiful things
about Jesus and his Mother

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The **JOYFUL**,
LUMINOUS,
SORROWFUL &
GLORIOUS Mysteries

“Let the children come to me.”

Dear Children!

The Bible tells us how people tried to send children away from Jesus so they wouldn't disturb him. When Jesus noticed this, he became upset and said to them: “Let the children come to me; do not stop them!” Jesus – the Son of God – wants the children to come to him and be with him because he loves them very much! He even says: “To people like them belongs my Kingdom.” In his kingdom, we as human beings are doing well. There, he gives us happiness and peace forever.

No one knows this better than Mary, his mother. He wants her to be our mother in Heaven as well. She is beautiful and loves us as her son Jesus does. She only wants the very best for us and knows that we can find it with Jesus. In Fatima, which is in Portugal, Mary appeared to three shepherd children – Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucía – and showed them how they could be with Jesus.





She asked the children to pray the Rosary. And even though praying the Rosary isn't easy for children, the Rosary made the children joyful and strong. They became saints and are now forever happy with Jesus.



Mary is always with us on our journey and leads us into Jesus' Kingdom, which is Heaven, where we will be happy forever. This little book and the Rosary are here to help you walk with Mary to Jesus. By this, we learn quickly and well what Jesus tells us about the way to Heaven. Because he loves you, children, so much, he wants you to safely find the way to Heaven and be with him forever.

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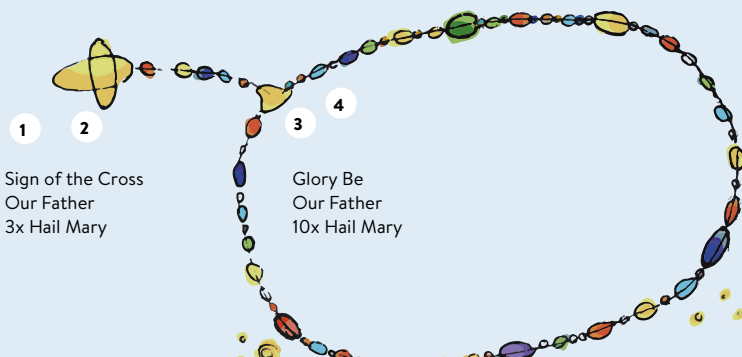
The Prayer of the Rosary

1 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



3 OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

4 THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

3 THE GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need thy mercy.

A ROSARY MYSTERY FOR EVERY DAY

Monday and Saturday: Joyful Mysteries

Thursday: Luminous Mysteries

Tuesday and Friday: Sorrowful Mysteries

Wednesday and Sunday: Glorious Mysteries

How to pray the Rosary

INTRODUCTION

- † I believe in God, the Father almighty, ...
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be ...
- Hail Mary, full of grace ...
- Holy Mary ...
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- Holy Mary ...
- Glory be to the Father ...

5 DECADES WITH THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy ...
- 10x Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus ...
- ... (mystery)...
- ... Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
- now and at the hour of our death, Amen.
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Glory be to the Father ...

The Fatima prayer can be prayed between the individual mysteries.

Opening prayer

Jesus, Friend of all children,
we come to you as brothers and sisters,
beneath your loving gaze.

We come to you led by Mary's hand,
for she is your Mother,
and our Mother too.

Purify us from our sins
and teach us how to pray.

Good Shepherd,
in this holy Rosary
we follow in your footsteps.

Guided by your Holy Spirit,
we journey to your Father
and our Father.

Amen.

The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary



WORD OF GOD

The angel said: "Do not be afraid. You will give birth to a son, and you will give him the name Jesus"...

*Mary replied: "Let it be done to me as you have said".
(see Luke 1:30,38)*

REFLECTION

An angel came to Mary. He told her that she would have a son - Jesus, the Son of God, who would save the world. If you listen carefully, you can hear that the angel is also speaking to you. He invites each of us - every woman, every man and every child - to make a place in our hearts for Him.

Mary immediately said 'yes'. What would you say in her place? SHORT BREAK

Are you ready, like the Blessed Mother, to do what God wants you to do? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Dear Mary, show me how to listen to God well, just as you did. Dear Jesus, help me to welcome you joyfully into my heart. Give me the courage to say 'yes' to the good things that God wants from me. Amen

The Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth



WORD OF GOD

Elizabeth cried out: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Then Mary spoke: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Holy is his name! For he has lifted up the poor and lowly".
(see Luke 1:42,46-55)

REFLECTION

Maria learns that her cousin Elisabeth needs help. She visits her. She carries Jesus in her womb. Her visit makes everyone happy and brings blessings.

How can I share the joy of Jesus with my friends and family? SHORT BREAK

Am I ready to help when God asks me to? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Dear Mary, show me how I can bring Jesus to others.
Dear Jesus, help me to be a messenger of your joy so that I can show others your love and do what you want me to do. Amen.

The God-Child is born in Bethlehem



WORD OF GOD

Mary gave birth to her Son. She wrapped him in warm clothing and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn. The angel said to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid, for I bring you news of great joy. Today the Saviour has been born for you".
(see Luke 2:7-11)

REFLECTION

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the doors were closed to Him and He was born in a simple stable. Mary, Joseph and the shepherds welcomed Him with much love. Even if everything is not always perfect in me, Jesus still wants to come into my heart.

How can I prepare my heart so that Jesus can come in?

SHORT BREAK

How can I give love to the people who need help and knock on my door?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Dear Mary, help me to receive Jesus with as much love as you do. Dear Jesus, come into my heart every day. I too want to prepare my heart like a beautiful cot for you. Help me to see you in the people who need help. I want to receive you with joy. Amen.

Jesus is presented in the Temple



WORD OF GOD

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. The elderly Simeon praised God, saying: "My eyes have seen salvation!" Then he said to Mary: "He will be a sign of contradiction, and as for you, a sword of sorrow will pierce your soul". (see Luke 2:22,28-35)

REFLECTION

Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple to consecrate Him to God. I was also entrusted to God at my baptism and have been an important part of the Church ever since.

How can I live every day as a child of God?

SHORT BREAK

Do I remember that God gives me life every day and that He is always looking after me? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Dear Mary, hold my hand and lead me to God so that I can trust in Him. Dear Jesus, help me to live in gratitude and full of trust. I want to give you everything I do every day as a gift that brings you joy. Amen.

The Child is lost and then found again



WORD OF GOD

Mary and Joseph finally found their Son among the teachers in the Temple. His mother said to him: "Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you". Jesus replied: "Didn't you know I must be in my Father's house?" Then he returned to Nazareth, where he grew up and was obedient to them. (see Luke 2:46-52)

REFLECTION

Jesus surprised the people in the temple because He knew so much about God. He was also prepared to do what God - His Father - wanted Him to do. Jesus shows us how great it is to learn beautiful things about God and to talk about them.

Do I tell my friends that God loves them? SHORT BREAK

Do I invite them to get to know God better?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Mary, please help me to always seek Jesus without growing weary. This is how you did it. Jesus, show me your wisdom. Give me the courage to invite my friends to get to know You. Let me show them Your love. Amen.

The Baptism of Jesus



WORD OF GOD

John said: “The one who comes after me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire”. Even Jesus let John baptise him. Then Heaven opened up and the Holy Spirit came down over Jesus in the shape of a dove. The voice of God the Father was heard, saying: “You are my beloved Son; I delight in you”. (see Luke 3:16,21-22)

REFLECTION

Jesus is baptised by John. In doing so, He shows us how to be humble and obedient. In this moment, God shows everyone His special love through Jesus.

Do I understand how important baptism is for me?

SHORT BREAK

Do I live like a beloved child of God and follow the example of Jesus? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, through your baptism you have shown us how important it is to be humble and to listen to God. Help me to live as a child of God, to remember my baptism and to be as loving and helpful as You are. Mary, accompany me on my journey with God. Help me to become stronger in my faith. Amen.

The wedding in Cana



WORD OF GOD

Mary says to Jesus: "They have no wine left". To the servants she says: "Do whatever he tells you". Jesus turns the water into wine, and his disciples believe in him. (see John 2:1-11)

REFLECTION

Jesus performed His first miracle because His mother asked Him to. Through this loving miracle, He shows that He is the Son of God. It was the beginning of His deeds on earth.

Do I pay attention to what the people around me need? SHORT BREAK

Do I ask Jesus for help when I have worries?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Mary, help me to always listen to the words of Jesus and do what He says. That's what you taught us: 'Do whatever He tells you.' Help me to trust Jesus and ask Him for help in everything I do. Amen.

Jesus calls us to conversion



WORD OF GOD

King Herod had already thrown John the Baptist into prison. Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God. He said: "The Kingdom of God is near. Be converted, and believe in my Gospel". (see Mark 1:14-15)

REFLECTION

Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God. His message is one of love, forgiveness and repentance. He wants my heart to become more and more like His. He invites me to trust His words. He tells me to be like salt and light in the world.

Do I trust Jesus and believe what He says?

SHORT BREAK

How can I be a light for others? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, your words about repentance and faith give me hope. Help me to see my mistakes and repent. Then I will always receive Your forgiveness. Give me courage to tell others about Your good news.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord



WORD OF GOD

Jesus went up with Peter, James and John to the top of Mount Tabor. There he was filled with a dazzling light. Peter said to him: "It is good for us to be here". From the cloud the Father spoke: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him". (see Mark 9:2-7)

REFLECTION

Jesus explains to the apostles what He must do on earth. In this way, He helps them to understand His suffering and to stand by Him.

Do I look for special moments when I can be very close to Jesus? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, in this moment You have shown that You are God and how special You are. Make my heart pure and let it shine. Help me to look for You and to desire the special moments with You. Mary, pray for me so that my life may be changed by the special closeness of your Son. Amen.

Christ institutes the Blessed Eucharist



WORD OF GOD

Saint Paul tells how, on the night he was betrayed, the Lord took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying: "This is my body which is for you". Then he took the cup and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me". (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

REFLECTION

Jesus makes Himself a small piece of bread so that He can feed us.

Do I think about how special it is that Jesus is with us in the Holy Eucharist? SHORT BREAK

How can I live together with Jesus and become more like Him every day? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for being with us in the Eucharist. Help me to recognise you when the bread is shared. Turn every pain into joy because You are with us. Mary, please be with me when I go to Communion and help me to live gratefully and lovingly, just as your Son wants me to. Amen.

Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane



WORD OF GOD

Jesus is seized by fear and anguish. He says to Peter, James and John: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death". Then he prays: "Abba, Father... yet let it be not what I want, but what you want". He sweats blood. Judas betrays him with a kiss. (see Mark 14:33-45; Luke 22:44-48)

REFLECTION

At the beginning of His Passion, Jesus is all alone because His friends are asleep. His suffering reminds me how important it is to be with people who are sad or hurting. When we are sad ourselves, we also want someone to be there for us.

Am I attentive when other people are suffering?

SHORT BREAK

How can I be a better friend when someone is going through hard times?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, forgive me when I don't see other people's pain. Mary, please help me to be faithful and pray as you have done. I especially want to pray for those who suffer the most. Help me to be vigilant when others need my help. Amen.

Jesus is tied up and scourged



WORD OF GOD

Pilate said to the people: "I find no reason to condemn Jesus. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews?" They screamed: "Not him, but Barabbas". Barabbas was a thief. And so Pilate had Jesus scourged. (see John 18:38-40; 19:1)

REFLECTION

This is a very sad situation. It's not just something that happened a long time ago. It still happens today when someone who is strong hurts someone weaker. The pain of Jesus reminds me that many innocent people are still suffering.

What do I do when I see that something is unjust?

SHORT BREAK

How can I help people who are weaker or need help?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, give me courage to stand up and help people when I see that something is not right. Mary, help me to comfort those who are suffering. Never let me look away when others are in pain. Amen.

Jesus is crowned with thorns



WORD OF GOD

The soldiers stripped Jesus and dressed him in a purple cloak, to make fun of him. They put a crown of thorns on his head. Then they struck him and mocked him. After that they led Jesus out to crucify him. (see Matthew 27:27-31)

REFLECTION

The thorns that hurt Jesus represent the bad things we all do or think sometimes. We want to try to replace these 'thorns' with loving deeds.

How can I turn my words and actions into 'flowers' for Jesus? SHORT BREAK

How can I make up for what I have done wrong?
SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, please forgive me for the 'thorns' or small pains I have caused you. Mary, help me to comfort your Son with my love. Let what I do be like flowers that soothe the pain of others. Amen.

Jesus carries the cross



WORD OF GOD

The soldiers led Jesus out to crucify him. Simon of Cyrene was passing by and they forced him to help carry the cross. They brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which in Hebrew means the Place of the Skull). (see Mark 15:20-22)

REFLECTION

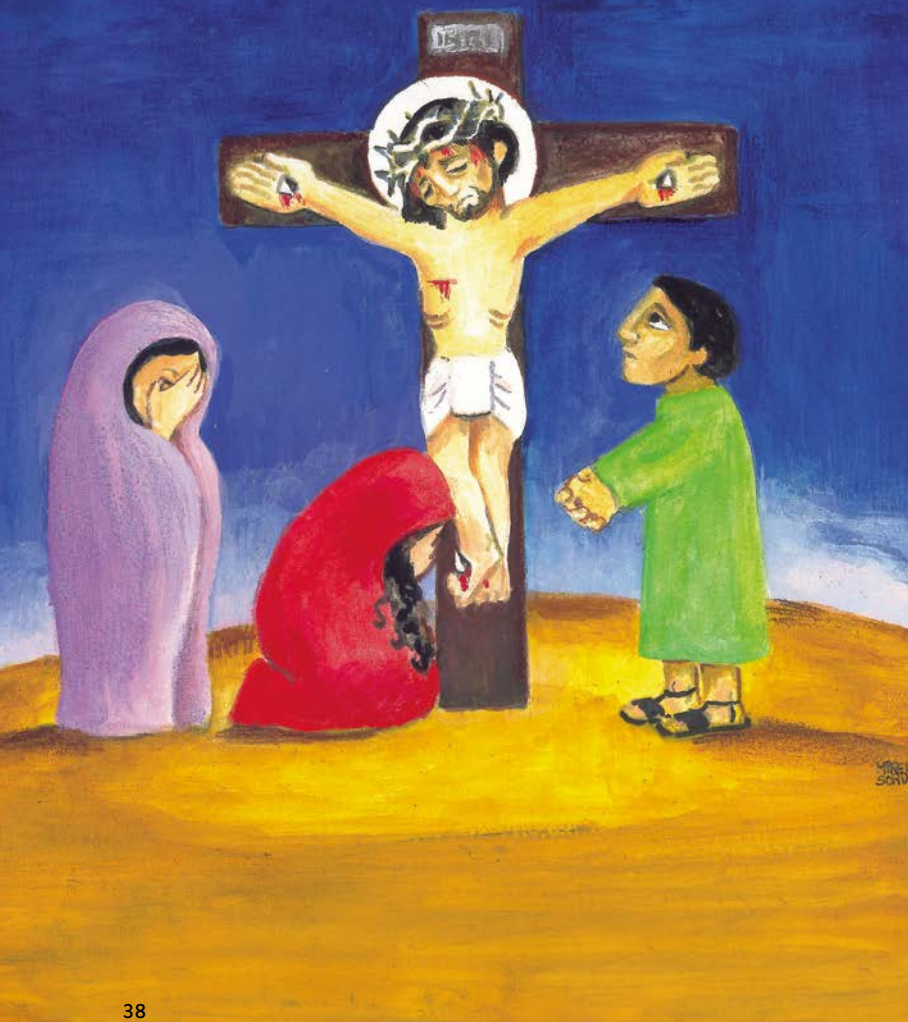
Jesus carries His cross because He loves us. He invites me to carry my own cross too. Sometimes I don't know if I can do it, but I know that He will help me, just as Simon helped Him. We often see people experiencing difficult situations. They seem too difficult for them. In these people we can see Jesus carrying His cross. Let us not leave Him alone. Let us help Him.

How can I help others to carry their cross? How can I be a 'Simon' for someone today? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, people hurt you on your way to Golgotha. But they also laughed at you and teased you. Help me to remember Your sacrifice every time I see my own problems. Give me the strength to carry on because I know that You carried the cross for me. Teach me to carry my own crosses with patience and faith. Help me to help others who also have their own problems to bear. Amen.

The crucifixion and death of the Lord



WORD OF GOD

They crucified him. But Jesus prayed: “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing”. Then he said to his Mother: “Woman, this is your son!” and to John: “This is your Mother!” After Jesus had died, they pierced him with a lance. From the wound flowed blood and water. (see Luke 23:33-34; John 19:26-27, 30-34)

REFLECTION

This mystery gives us the opportunity to weep with Mary as we see her Son suffering from the suffering of the world. It reminds us how much Jesus loves us. His sacrifice encourages us to fight against injustice and evil.

How can I respond to the love of Jesus in my life?

SHORT BREAK

Do I remain a friend of Jesus even in difficult times?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for your great love that embraces each of us tightly. Mary, help me to live lovingly by accepting the difficult things that come with love. So I can remember the sacrifice of Your Son. Let my life show how great Your love is, especially when I experience something evil or unjust. Amen.

The Resurrection of the Lord



WORD OF GOD

Mary Magdalen stood weeping at the tomb of Jesus. He called her by her name: "Mary". Then he told her: "Go and tell my brothers that I am ascending to my Father and your Father". (see John 20:11,16-17)

REFLECTION

Jesus is risen! That makes me happy and gives me hope. Now I know that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life with Jesus. His victory over death gives me the strength to overcome difficult things in my life.

Do I live every day with the joy of the resurrection?

SHORT BREAK

Does my life show that Jesus lives? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Mary, you have experienced the resurrection of your Son. Help us to live in the hope that His victory over death gives us. Show us how we can live in faith and be true friends of Jesus. In doing so, we trust in His promise that we may live with Him forever. Help us to feel the closeness of the risen Jesus in our lives. Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord into Heaven



WORD OF GOD

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. (see Acts 1:9)

REFLECTION

Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us there. His ascension reminds me that my home is with Him. Every day I have the opportunity to come closer to this happy place.

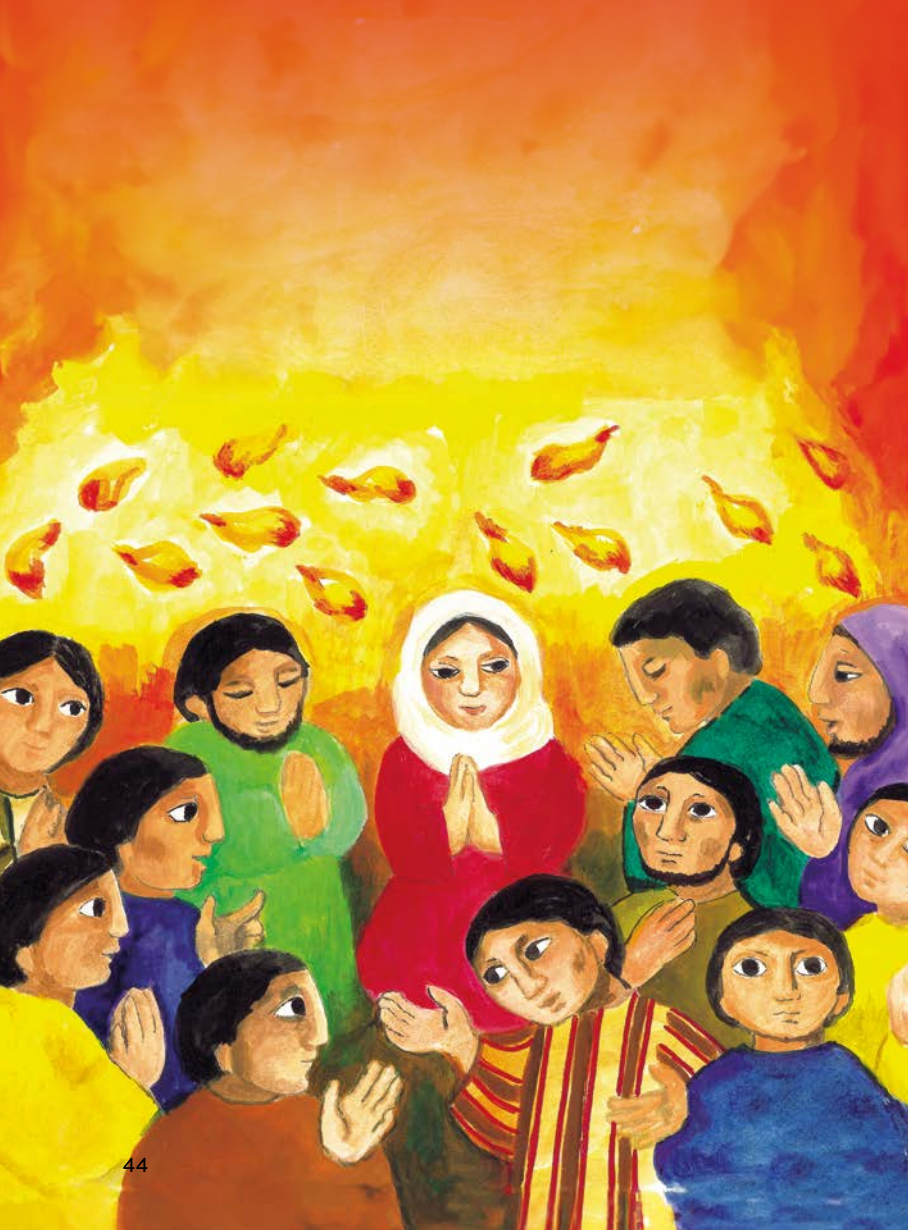
Am I paying attention to the things that are important in heaven? SHORT BREAK

How am I preparing my heart for that eternal embrace? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Mother Mary, let my daily prayer be like a bond that unites me to you, Jesus and all the saints until we meet in heaven. Let every 'Hail Mary' in my rosary be a step towards you. Help me to see heaven as the goal of my life. Amen.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit



WORD OF GOD

The Apostles were united in prayer, together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the other women. On the day of Pentecost the sound of a mighty wind came down from heaven, and tongues of fire came to rest on them. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. When they spoke, people of every nation could understand what they were saying. (see Acts of the Apostles 1:14; 2:1-4)

REFLECTION

Jesus keeps His promise and sends us the Holy Spirit, Who helps us with His special gifts. As a result, the love of Jesus and God - the Father - always remains in us.

Do I allow myself to be led by the Holy Spirit today?

SHORT BREAK

Do I trust that He will help me when I need Him?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through it you are always with us. Help me to use His gifts every day. Mary, you were there at Pentecost. Teach me to be open to the work of the Spirit in my life. Let my gratitude to others become visible - in what I do and by being loving. Amen.

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven



WORD OF GOD

*Then Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord... from now on all people will call me blessed".
(see Luke 1:46-48)*

REFLECTION

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heaven. Her whole life revolved around loving God and serving Him. We can learn from Mary to put Jesus at the centre of our lives. We can love Him deeply, just as Mary did.

Am I ready to follow Mary's example? SHORT BREAK

Is Jesus the most important thing in my life?

SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Dear Mary, Mother in heaven, you have been taken up into heaven. Help me to live as faithfully and lovingly as you. Jesus, help me to love my mother and all mothers as much as you loved your mother. Fill my heart like Mary's, guide me and give me the strength to love you more every day. Amen.

The Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven



WORD OF GOD

A great sign appeared in Heaven: a Woman clothed with the Sun, standing on the moon and with a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was about to give birth to a Child, the King of all nations. The dragon wanted to devour her Son. (see Revelation 12:1-4)

REFLECTION

Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth because she loved God so much and obeyed Him. Like Mary, we can love Jesus by being merciful to the lonely, the hungry, the imprisoned and those who are not well.

Do I try to be like Mary and help others? SHORT BREAK

PRAYER

Dear Mary, Queen of Heaven, please help me to live like you: with much love and always obedient to God. Jesus, please help me to see you in people who are sad or in need of help. Help me to serve them. Let my life show Your love so that I may be united with You and Mary forever. Amen.

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Children's Consecration to Our Lady



Mary, my Mother,
today I come to you with joy,
to give you my whole heart.
I give you everything I have
and everything I do, my whole life.
To you I bring every single person,
that I hold in love in my heart:
my parents, my brothers and my sisters,
all my friends,
but also those who have hurt me.
Be a Mother to us all,
bless and protect us.
I wish to be your child,
to love you as my Mother
and pray faithfully to you.
Help me to remember, each day,
that I belong to you.
Mother, I am yours, now and for all eternity.
With you and through you
I want to belong completely to Jesus.
Amen.



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